

# AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE

Cactus, Thistle, Charmin

## FUN FACT!

African-crested porcupines are the heavyweight champions of the porcupine world! These magnificent creatures truly stand out with their impressive size and awe-inspiring crests.

## FACT SHEET

Scientific Name

HYSTRIX CRISTATA

## Region

ORIGINATED FROM SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA OMNIVORE (MEATS & PLANTS)

They dwell in rocky outcrops, grasslands, and forests.

## Diet

At night, they embark on culinary quests, seeking out the most succulent roots and bulbs, with an occasional unauthorized vegetable garden visit.

## Life Span

IN THE WILD

12 - 15 years

IN THE ZOO

15 - 20 years

## Size

WEIGHT

30 - 60 pounds

HEIGHT

1.6 - 2.5 feet



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ON MAP

## CONSERVATION STATUS

LEAST CONCERN (LC)



The IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature maintains the Red List, a global database assessing the conservation status of species. It's a vital tool for tracking endangered species and guiding conservation efforts.

